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Award by the Special Labour Tribunal.

* 1870 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the managements of Attamala and Puthumala Estates of Wynaad, Malabar, did not implement the recommendations and decision of the Plantation Special Tribunal to increase the wages of the workers in the estates of the State by two annas and one anna per man and woman respectively; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The managements of Attamala and Puthumala Estates of Wynaad have implemented the interim award of the Special Industrial Tribunal for Plantations to increase the wages of the workers to Rs. 1–7–0 a day for Grade I workers and to Re. 1–1–0 a day for Grade II workers.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister when this award was given by the Special Tribunal? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" About the date of this award I would like to have notice."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that as soon as this award was given the managements of these estates have stopped the payment of food allowance which the workers were getting previously? May I know whether the Government are going to take steps to see that this concession is restored? May I also know from the Hon. Minister what is the machinery the Government have set up to see whether an award is implemented by the managements or not? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice about the question of food allowance. As regards implementation of award, whenever workers bring to the notice of Government that any award is not implemented Government do take steps in the matter."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that decisions in the award regarding supply of cumblies to workers and payment of travelling allowance to workers for proceeding to their houses after working for a certain time are not also implemented, and if so, whether any action has been taken on this matter about which representations have been made already by the workers? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that Sri K. Madhavan Nair, General Secretary of the Congress, owns an estate in Wynaad and even now he has not implemented the award? May I know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to enquire into the matter and see that the award is implemented by the Congress General Secretary?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information on this matter. The hon. Member may ask the workers concerned to put in representations to the Government on this matter and I shall look into it."

Star Tile Works, Kallai

* 1877 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Star Tile Works, Kallai, Malabar, has been closed since 9th June 1954;

(*b*) how many workers were thrown out of employment on account of its closure; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any steps to give lay-off wages to the workers according to the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act of 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) About 200.

" (*c*) The Commissioner of Labour has reported that the management have paid lay-off compensation to the workers."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the management have given due notice to the workers before they closed the factory? If it is true that the management have not given due notice of the closure of the factory to the workers, what steps do the Government propose to take for illegal closure of the factory?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It was reported that the management have closed down the factory owing to accumulation of stocks and financial difficulties. The workers were found entitled to lay-off wages and they were paid."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" தற்போது ஓடுகள் கிராக்கியாகவும், நாட்டுக்குத் தேவைப்பட்ட சாமானாகவும் இருக்கிறது. அப்படியிருக்கும் போது இந்த ஓட்டுத் தொழிற்சாலை முதலாளிகளால் வேண்டுமென்றே மூடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதென்று கருதினால், அதை உடனடியாகத் திறப்பதற்கு வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கைகளைச் சர்க்கார் எடுப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கல்லாயிலுள்ள ஓட்டுத் தொழிற்சாலை வேண்டுமென்றே மூடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதென்று கருதினால், ட்ரிப்யூனலுக்கு refer பண்ணிக்கொள்ளலாம்."